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Congressional Grant of Additional Land for the Uses of the Lick Observatory.

Hon. E. F. Loud, of the House of Representatives, and Hon. CHARLES N. FELTON, of the Senate, have procured the passage of a bill (H. R. 3933, 52d Congress, 1st Session), granting to the Regents of the University of California the following described public lands, in trust, for the use of the Lick Observatory, namely, the N. W. 1/4 of Section 3; the E. 1/2 of Sec. 4; the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 4; the N. W. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 4; all in Township 7 S, Range 3 E, Monte Diablo Base and Meridian, comprising about 680 acres. The 44th Congress had previously granted 1350 acres in 1876 (see Publications of the Lick Observatory, vol. I, page 12, map). Mr. LICK during his lifetime had purchased a tract of 19149 acres; Mr. R. F. Morrow had presented a tract of about 40 acres; and the Legislature of California set aside in 1890 the N. ½ of Sec. 16 (320 acres). The total area of the Reservation is therefore about 2581 1/2 acres at the present The recent additions insure the Observatory against encroachment for all time. E. S. H.

PHOTOGRAPH OF MARE CRISIUM AND VICINITY.

The plate in this number of the *Publications* is copied from a negative made at the Lick Observatory on August 31, 1890. It represents about the best results which can be obtained by "process-cuts"; and it hardly does justice to the original. In a subsequent number of the *Publications* we shall be able to give a heliogravure reproduction of Professor Weinek's drawing of this region, when the great superiority of the latter process will be evident.

E. S. H.

LARGE SUN-SPOT OF FEBRUARY, 1892.

This spot was, I believe, first seen by Mr. W. J. Hussey of the Ann Arbor Observatory on February 5.* It was independently discovered, with the naked eye, by Professor Schaeberle at Mt. Hamilton on February 9. Since that time a very large number of photographs has been made of it, at the Lick Observatory, by Messrs. Schaeberle and Campbell, using the 40-foot horizontal photo-heliograph. A few of these negatives are very fine and it is hoped to reproduce some of them in the *Publications*.

^{*} It was photographed at Northfield on February 5.